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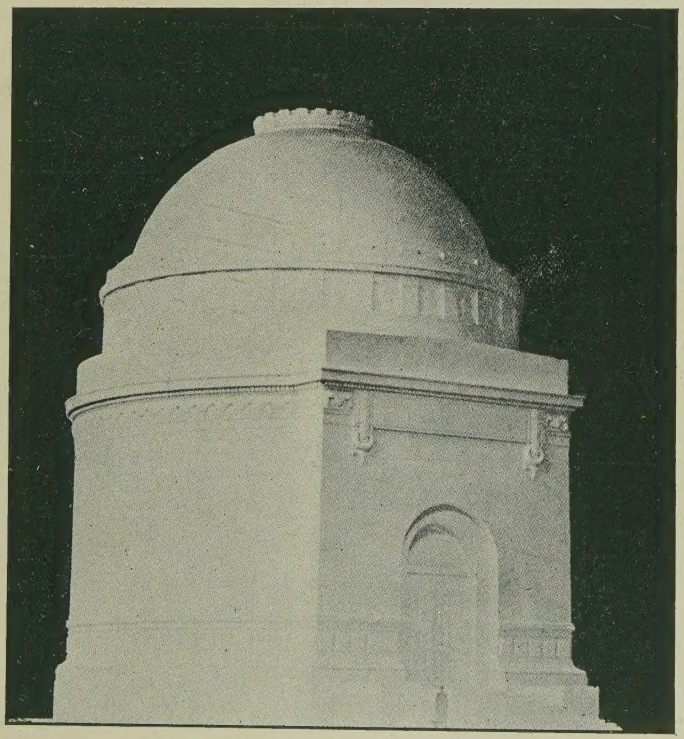

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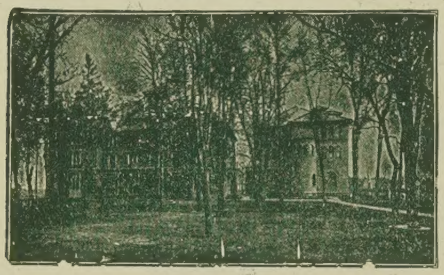

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Luther League Review

Canton—The Convention City

And the National Luther League Convention

CANTON, the beautiful; Canton, the home of the late lamented and martyred President McKinley; Canton, the prosperous manufacturing center; Canton, prominent in the Lutheran Church, will act as host for the seventh National Convention of the Luther League of America. The dates—October 30, 31, and November 1—being so near the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Luther League in America, will make this convention practically the decennial anniversary of the League. Canton rejoices in the opportunity afforded of being the host to this great Lutheran gathering upon this occasion. It offers to the Luther League of America more inducements than any city of the same size in the country. With a population of 45,000, and growing with a rapidity that promises soon to make it a city of 75,000, visitors and delegates will find much here to interest them.

PUBLIC SQUARE, LOOKING NORTH.

Homes.

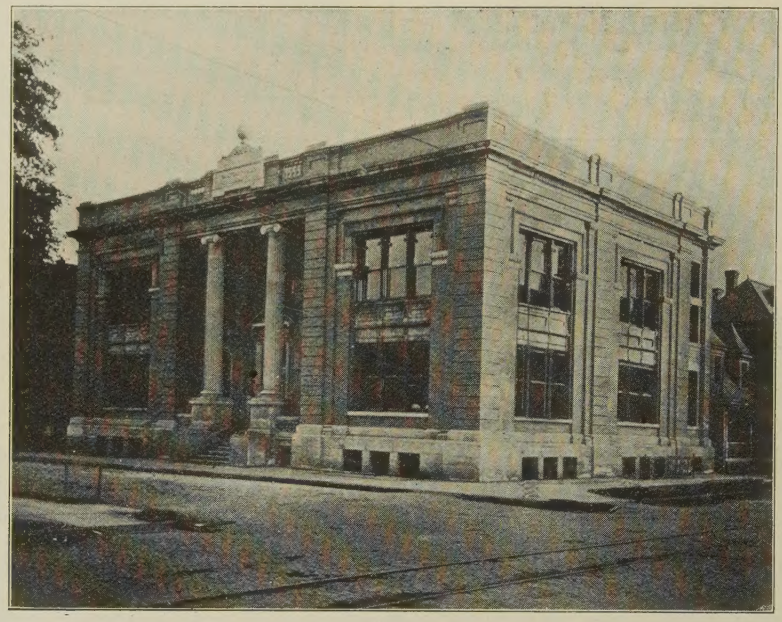
Canton is the abiding place of a class of people far above the ordinary. As the home of President McKinley, Canton is most widely known. Here his widow still resides in the comfortable North Market street home, that

was the Mecca of thousands during the lifetime of Canton's illustrious son. The body of the dead President lies in a receiving vault in West Lawn Cemetery, and is constantly guarded by a company of soldiers, sent to the city for that purpose. The memorial that is being erected on a hill in the western part of the city will be a beautiful and lasting tribute from the whole country to the memory of its martyred President. The visitors of the convention will have an opportunity to gain a very clear idea of its grandeur. It is rapidly nearing completion, but a few months of 1907 being required to finish it. It will be one of the most largely visited places in the city.

interests will engage the attention of delegates and visitors from every section of the country. Here is the home of one of the largest watch factories in the world. Doubtless many of the visitors will be interested in what they will see in these different factories.

Other Business Interests.

Canton's public buildings are a source of pride to the residents of the city. The new court house, costing $100,000, is a magnificent structure. It is located on the corner of two main streets. The City Hall is a fine, three story building. Opposite the City Hall and to the west of the new Government building and to the south is the Carnegie Library, just re-



PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Beside the home of President McKinley there are many beautiful residences. There are fine streets and avenues lined with handsome shade trees. The city is one of homes and beautiful residences.

A Manufacturing Center.

The manufacturing interests of the city are of a widely diversified character. This has attracted to Canton many artisans and artists of different attainments. Two hundred and forty-five different establishments give employment to hundreds of men. The working classes are prosperous and in their prosperity have possessed themselves of homes, making Canton essentially a city of home owners. These diversified manufacturing

cently finished at a cost of $50,000 for the building alone. The lot was provided for from a fund left by the will of one of Canton's citizens. There is also a fine hospital. The fire department is provided with the most modern equipment. It is operated from eight separate stations. The business blocks are many and modern.

Schools and Churches.

The public school system of Canton is noted far and wide for its magnificent organization. There are eighteen school buildings. All of these buildings are of modern design. Each building contains from eight to twenty-four rooms. One hundred and sixty-five teachers are employed for the instruction of the pupils

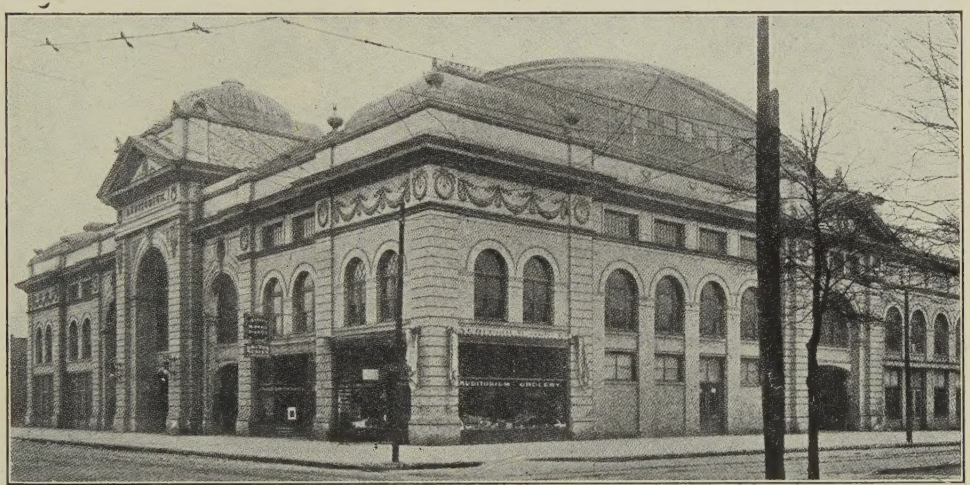
daily gathering in these splendidly equipped schools.

Canton is a city of churches as well as of schools. There are thirty-five separate organizations. Most of these congregations are comfortably housed in magnificent church edifices. Six of these thirty-five churches belong to our Lutheran household. The following churches are affiliating in the entertainment of the convention:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor; Evangelical Lutheran Jerusalem Church, Rev. L. F. Meyer, pastor; Martin Lutheran Church, Rev. G. M. Schmucker, pastor; Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. G. C. Schaub, pastor;

PARKS.

The park system of Canton is of recent origin. However, there are already four beautiful parks. They aggregate in extent nearly 100 acres. They are all under most careful management. Here beautiful flowers are grown and the grass is kept green throughout the entire summer. One of the attractive places is Meyer's Lake, twelve minutes by trolley from the center of the city. Meyer's Lake is a beautiful body of water one-half mile wide and a mile long, and is surrounded by a beautiful woodland. In summer time it is a favorite resort and affords opportunity for rowing and boating.



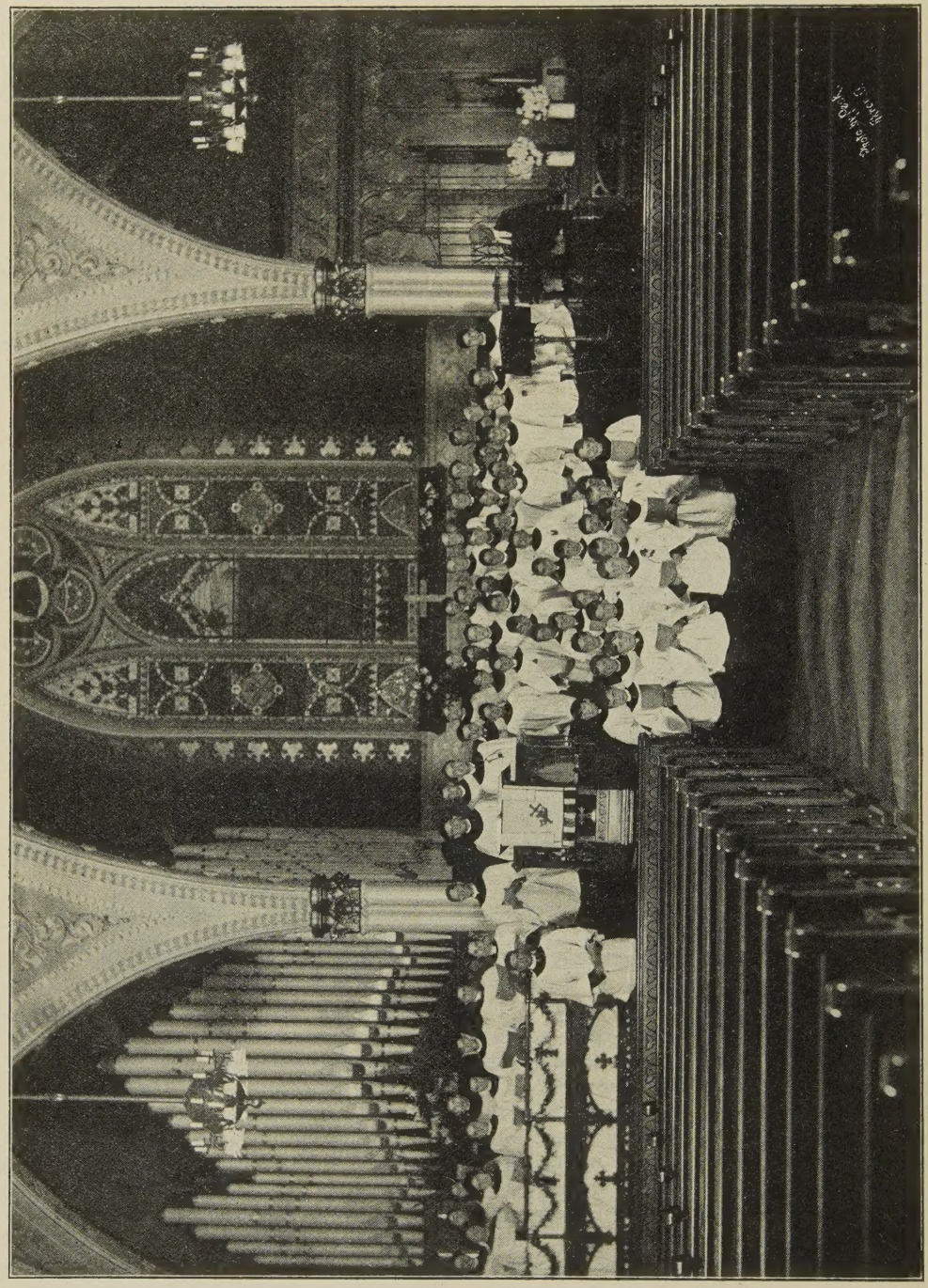
THE AUDITORIUM, WHERE GRAND RALLY WILL BE HELD.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. G. C. Smith, pastor.

The business sessions of the convention will be held in Trinity Lutheran Church. The opening session and the second night session will also be held in this church. Trinity Lutheran Church is a beautiful stone edifice and churchly in its appointments. Within its doors important gatherings of the Lutherans have been held before. Now its doors open with a hospitable welcome to delegates and visitors to the National Convention of the Luther League of America. The grand rally on Thursday night will be held in the Auditorium. This is a magnificent building, completed not long ago at a cost of $300,000 and seating 5,000 people. It is claimed that this Auditorium is the finest place of gathering of its size in the State. We believe it ranks third or fourth in point of capacity in the country.

LOCATION.

In point of location Canton is one of the most favorably situated of the cities of its size in the country. On the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad from New York to Chicago, it is provided with a train service unsurpassed anywhere. The Wabash and Baltimore and Ohio railways make Canton important division points of their system. The railroads thus afford quick travel to and from Cleveland, the largest city in Ohio, which is 60 miles to the north, and other business centers in the State. The interurban electric service affords the best facilities for travel, as Canton is a central point in an electric system from which the lines run from 40 to 60 miles in every direction. The service is an hourly one and the cars run throughout the entire day. The local street railway is excellent and its service of the very best. Cars are run on



THE VESTED CHOIR OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

a ten minute schedule on all lines, and in the busy hours of the day the cars are run more frequently. The transportation facilities of the Convention City are of the very best.

Music at the Convention.

Delegates and visitors to the Luther League Convention in Canton are promised a treat in the musical part of the program. The local

committee has been fortunate in obtaining the co-operation of Carey E. McAfee, organist and director. He will direct the vested choir of the church and also the Choral Society, each of which owes its high order of efficiency to his untiring efforts. Trinity Lutheran Church will sustain a reputation for high class music. The music at the sessions of the convention will be by the vested boy choir, the Sunday school choir, and other special music that will appear in the printed program. It is proposed to make the music of the grand rally a special feature of the convention. None who hear Canton's celebrated Choral Society will regret their visit to this city. It is proposed to sustain the Lutheran reputation for music of the highest order.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

The local arrangements for the convention of the Luther League of America at Canton, Ohio, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 30, 31 and November 1, are in charge of a general committee, as follows:

Lester Deweese, chairman; E. C. Cutchall, secretary; C. W. Keplinger, treasurer; Reception, James E. Flohr; Finance, C. W. Keplinger; music, John D. Frank; Entertainment, Ed. M. Shreiner; Registration, E. C. Cutchall; Publicity and Press, Geo. Schoner; Hall and Decorations, M. W. Lutz; Bureau of Information, Rev. G. C. Schaub; Printing, Rev. G. M. Schmucker; Ushers, Thos. C. Whipple.

Preparation should be made to be present at this convention, which promises to be the greatest in the history of the League. Delegates should come prepared to receive new inspiration and greater enthusiasm for their church and institutions. It will be of interest to you because it will be a national gathering of Lutheran young people, and it will promote our Lutheran acquaintance and enlarge our horizon, and show us the wide and growing influence of the Lutheran Church in America. In recognizing our Lutheran opportunity in America the Luther League will seek to go forward, studying to be an approved workman. For to give the Church a trained and efficient laity is no small part of its object. The details for this great gathering of Lutherans have not yet all been worked out, but we are safe in saying the program will present a theme of wide interest and deal suggestively with practical topics for local application by our young people in local, district and State work. If you

have never been at a National Luther League Convention, be sure to attend this one. It will repay you to look into the faces of Lutherans from all parts of the United States.

Convention Theme.

The theme of the convention is in keeping with the Luther League's educational purpose. It is: "Knowledge—Fact; Wisdom—Tact; Understanding—Act."

Practical Luther League topics will be discussed by competent Luther League workers. One feature of the program will be a "Review of the Decade." The first evening will be the report of President W. C. Stoever, of Philadelphia, and an address on the Lutheran Church in Ohio by Hon. John Zimmerman, of Springfield, one of the most prominent laymen of the church. On the second day there will be an address on "The Church and Education: Its Aims and Results," by Rev. Clarence E. Gardner, D. D., of Ohio. Also an address on "The Religious Education of the Children of the Church," by Rev. C. K. Solberg, of Chicago. The night session will listen to addresses on "The Power and Work of the Christian College," by President Kildahl, of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn.; "The Position and Opportunity of the Lutheran Church in American Education," by President J. A. W. Haas, of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and an address on "The Christian College and Aggressive Christianity," by Rev. Dr. Bauslin, of Wittenberg Seminary, Springfield, Ohio. At the grand rally the Rev. Dr. William J. Miller will speak on "The Bible as an Educating Power." "The Responsibility of the Educated and Christian Citizen" will be discussed by Judge Staake, of Philadelphia. Arrangements have also been made to have the Rev. C. L. Brown, of Salem, Va., the returned missionary of the United Synod in the South to Japan, present to address the grand rally. Besides these addresses during the day sessions there will be practical papers by prominent laymen on League work. The daily morning devotional services will seek to give a spiritual uplift to the sessions of the day. The themes for these services will be, for the first morning, "Spiritual Education," by Rev. O. A. Anderson, of South Dakota, and, for the second morning, "Motives for the Acquirement of Wisdom," by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, of Chicago. The program as already outlined is calculated to stimulate our activity and foster our loyalty.

Hotel Information for the Convention.

The Courtland Hotel has been designated as the official headquarters. All delegates and visitors are earnestly requested to report there immediately upon their arrival in the city for registration.

No matter whether you have arranged to stay at a hotel, private boarding house or whatever arrangements you may have made, all delegates and visitors, immediately upon their arrival, will report at the Courtland Hotel.

The Courtland Hotel has 150 rooms and makes a rate of $2.50 per day and up, American plan, or $1 per day and up, European plan.

The McKinley Hotel has 120 rooms and the rate is $2.50 and up, American plan only.

The Barnett House has 75 rooms, is American plan, with rate of $2 and $2.50 per day.

The St. Edward's Hotel has 60 rooms. It is a European Hotel, with rates of 50 cents, $1 and up.

The Conrad Hotel, American plan, makes a rate of $1 per day.

Canton is abundantly supplied with good restaurants, where delegates and other visitors can be provided with good meals at reasonable rates.

The committee recommends and particularly urges that the delegates to the convention ask reservation of rooms in advance of their coming. Any further information regarding hotels will be cheerfully furnished upon application to E. C. Cutchall, secretary, Canton, Ohio.

Transportation Announcement.

The passenger associations have granted round trip rates of fare and one-third, available only on the certificate plan.

Trunk Line.—This covers the territory east of Buffalo and Pittsburg, and north of Washington.

Central.—This territory covers part of Canada, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and part of Illinois. No reduction will be made in the State of Ohio.

Southeastern.—This territory includes all the Southern States east of the Mississippi River and south of Washington.

Southwestern Excursion Bureau.—This territory covers all points in Southern Missouri and Southeastern Kansas.

Western.—This territory includes the States west and north of Chicago.

A fee of 25 cents additional to the fare will be collected for each certificate signed.

Further information concerning the names and territories of the above associations is to be found in the "Travelers' Official Railway Guide."

All special rates as announced will be available for delegates and visitors to the convention and members of their families accompanying them.

CERTIFICATES.

All delegates should purchase tickets through to Canton, Ohio, securing from the local ticket agent a *separate certificate with each ticket,* showing that full fare has been paid, which entitles to a special fare returning, after having been properly endorsed at the convention.

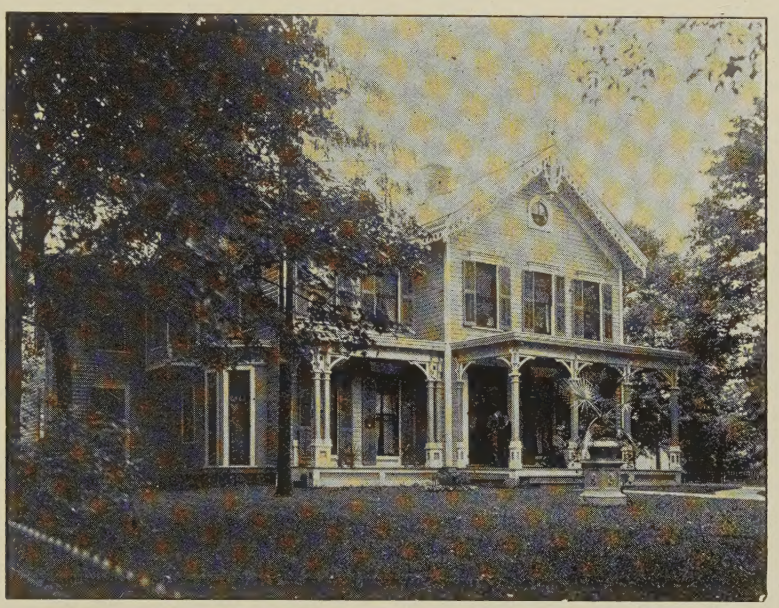
Receipt for fare paid will not be accepted in lieu of certificate.

If a through ticket on a certificate plan cannot be procured at the starting point, the delegate should proceed to the nearest point where such through ticket can be obtained, and then purchase a ticket through to Canton, Ohio, obtaining a standard certificate properly filled out by the agent at the point where such purchase is made.

This certificate should be deposited immediately on arrival at Canton with Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, general secretary, who will have a desk in the church for that purpose.

The railroad agent will be in attendance at the convention on November 1, 1906, and all certificates must be signed by him and Rev. Kuhns on that day. No certificates will be honored that were issued to cover the sale of more than *one* single trip ticket.

No reduction in return fare can possibly be secured unless a certificate is presented at the convention for the agent's signature. The certificates are not transferable, and it has been necessary for the committee to guarantee that certificates will not be transferred, misused or offered for sale.



THE McKINLEY HOME.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Credential blanks for delegates, whether State, district or local, should be secured at once by State, district or local officers from Rev. C. K. Hunton, Salem, Va. All credentials should be filled out, one part being sent to Rev. C. K. Hunton, Salem, Va., the statistical secretary, and the other part retained by the delegate for presentation at Canton. All statistical reports should be sent to him promptly by district and State officers. This should receive the immediate attention of all interested.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will print a Convention Number, which will give a full account of the proceedings of the convention. You should arrange now to secure extra copies of this number of THE REVIEW, in order that you may preserve the addresses and papers presented at the National Convention.

In Quest of Happiness

Miss Freda E. Buenshof

MAVIS CARLYLE.

Second Prize Story in Luther League Review Competitive Contest.

Chapter IV.

Three weeks had elapsed since the events recorded in the last chapter; three weeks in which the two conflicting powers, right and wrong, were at work in the heart of Eunice. She had endeavored in various ways to free her heart and mind from the burden which oppressed her, but each time she had failed utterly; each time she sought a new pleasure or diversion she came home feeling more miserable; and so her cross grew very burdensome. But she tried to bear it alone, and consequently found it very heavy indeed. If she had borne her burden up on wings of prayer to the throne of God, she would have found a Friend and a Helper, for He who said, "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," would not have let her knock in vain; but instead, she sat hugging her misery and found her lot grow heavier day by day.

When the Holy Spirit called her to the cross she put Him aside each time. She wanted to give her heart to Jesus, but she labored under the delusion that to go to Him meant a renunciation of all the joys and pleasures of life—which she felt she could not resign—and yet, had the pleasures which she had indulged in brought her happiness?

It was then her better self would be moved, at which time she knew that Jesus must be the true way to happiness. But she quickly put aside that thought and continued in her old ways.

Poor, blind Eunice! not to see the cup when it was placed before her! Not to grasp it when it was so kindly offered to her! And so the three weeks had passed, Eunice making little or no progress toward her goal.

The day being a fine one, the air clear and invigorating, Eunice donned hat and coat for a walk. She had not gone far, however, when she met Marion Gray. Some time had elapsed since the two girls had met, and the pleasure felt at meeting again was mutual. So, after an exchange of greetings and a few commonplace remarks, Marion invited her friend to prayer meeting, saying:

"You ought to join with us this evening, Eunice. I am sure if you did you would go again."

"I am really sorry, Marion, but unfortunately, I am to attend a grand reception tonight. If it were tomorrow I would go with you."

To which Marion quietly said: "I, too, am very sorry."

"I will go with you next week," added Eunice; "nothing shall prevent me from doing so."

Marion looked at her for a few seconds, smiled, and after a loving handclasp, the two friends parted, Marion sending after Eunice a look, tears welling up in her eyes. She uttered a silent prayer that her friend might yet be led into the right path. It was no idle prayer that passed the pure lips of the young girl; it sprang from a true and unselfish heart, and Marion did not doubt that God in heaven, who notes the faintest sigh of the human heart, heard, and in due time would answer her prayer, for was not a soul in peril? And had not Christ died to save this soul?

Eunice walked along, alternately wishing there were no reception, and that she had not met Marion. She sighed faintly as she remembered the yearning look in Marion's eyes.

"But then," she murmured, as she moved on, "I can go with Marion the next time. That will do just as well. Nothing shall then detain me."

With this resolution uppermost in her mind she quieted conscience and went to the reception.

But conscience would be quieted no longer. It clamored loudly to be heard.

Chapter V.

Eunice had been at the reception but a short time when she longed to get away; so on plea of a headache she left very early.

Passing the little chapel, she heard a clear soprano voice singing—now warningly, now tenderly—the well known hymn, "Almost Persuaded." She stepped closer to listen; then asked herself had she not been almost persuaded?

She gazed at the star studded sky, her hand resting on her heaving bosom.

The hymn was a familiar one, which she had heard sung many times, but it had never left such an impression upon her. Had not she, too, declined the Spirit, saying "Go thy way for this time," always awaiting a more convenient

season? May not this be her last opportunity? Had not God pleaded with her to turn aside, time and time again?

Again she turned toward the singer.

At the first moment the singer's face was turned away, and she saw only a slight, girlish figure, with a hood tied over her head; but the next moment the singer turned toward Eunice, bringing into view a fair young face, full of purest beauty and peace.

Moved by a sudden repentance, Eunice began mentally to go back over the past years of her young life, and to ask herself whether in very truth that life had been well or ill spent? If she were called before her Maker now, whether she could stand the test?

Sorrowfully she considered it all. She saw in herself nothing but willful sin and unworthiness. She sank into inevitable dejection.

Again she listened to the clear, penetrating voice of the singer. Shall she go in? It is late.

The still, small voice urged her to enter. She took a few steps forward, then hesitatingly asked, "Will the Lord receive a sinner like me?"

The singer's voice dropped to a lower cadence, which sounded almost sad: "Almost persuaded, harvest is past."

A low cry escaped her: "No, not that! Not that!"

Mechanically she stepped forward, into a rear seat of the little church. There, falling down on her knees, she prayed in anguish of heart:

"O God! O God! Have mercy!"

Marion saw her friend kneeling there, and after silent thanksgiving and a prayer for her friend's guidance, silently stepped across the narrow aisle, and gently laid her hand on Eunice's shoulder.

Eunice turned and beheld the sweet countenance of Marion, who, in grave, sweet accents whispered to her:

"Fully persuaded—God help thee!"

She bent lower to imprint a kiss upon her forehead—and was gone.

Eunice, as she knelt there, felt two hot tears roll down her cheeks. "Is it real; is it real, or only a blessed dream?" she murmured, as she arose, striving to collect her scattered and bewildered senses.

"Was it really Marion, or an angel from heaven that was here? Will I awake presently and find it all a dream?"

In a dazed sort of way she turned and left the chapel. As she walked quietly onward through the silent night, Eunice felt assured that she would yet find the happiness she so earnestly wished for. Her eyes uplifted to the sky, she seemed to be drinking in strength from the calm night; her soul absorbed in self communion.

In the solitude of her own chamber she poured out her heart to Him who said: "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

Long and fervently she prayed, 'mid bitter tears of repentance. She prayed as she had never prayed before: "O my Father," she cried through her weeping, "I have wandered far from Thee, but Thou, in Thy mercy and loving kindness, hast called me back. Receive again Thy erring child. O Father, show unto me Thy light, that I may know and serve Thee with my whole strength."

She burst into convulsive sobbing; her heart was torn and bleeding—but Christ stood near, with an everlasting balm for her wounded heart. She had not pleaded in vain. A short silence followed, in which she lay entranced, when lo! the clouds were lifted from her sin-sick soul, the storm in her bosom was stilled; the burden of sorrow, like Christian's pack, fled from her heart, her eyes beheld the radiance of the Cross; she felt the loving presence of her Master, Him whom she had so often despised and rejected. He had come to her! She seemed to hear Him softly whisper: "Peace, be still."

And the wretched soul which had hitherto known no peace had found at last the peace it craved, the peace the world *cannot* give.

A long time she knelt there, too happy to leave her new-found Paradise. It was enough for her to feel her Master's presence. A light from heaven shone in her soul, the radiance streaming from the Cross shed its golden rays around her.

Oh that she might never again leave this new-found Paradise, this Haven of Rest! Oh that she might always remain here, alone with her Saviour, away from the world, with its countless trials and temptations! Away from all sadness and sin, away from Satan! But, alas, the happiest hour must draw to a close! We cannot always remain upon the mount; we must go down in the valley to perform the Master's work.

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Luther League Topics

17th Sunday after Trinity. Oct. 7, 1906.

Confession and Absolution

Augsburg Confession—Article XI.
Matt. 16:19-20. John 20:21-23.
Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers. What is meant by the "Keys"? Why did not the Reformers abolish Private Confession? How is the true doctrine of Confession contrasted with the doctrine of the Church of Rome? What is the value of Confession? Should it be left in neglect?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. There is a real need in our lives for the confession of sins. The fact is recognized in Jas v., 16. But if we are to confess our sins, it is surely most fitting that such confession be made to one whose study and experience has best qualified him to advise and direct us wisely in reference to our sins. The verse in James follows immediately upon some instructions concerning the "elders" or pastors of the Church, and is connected by "therefore," which may include the elders in the general suggestion. So much is clear that there is a recognized need for confession, and for a confession that is personal, individual and specific. Every pastor of several years' experience in the sacred office can tell you that such cases have come to his notice. Some burden upon the conscience has driven the soul to make a private confession and to seek comfort and absolution, if not formally, yet in the very essence of what our Lord has graciously provided for us through the Church, and what we have, at least in doctrine, retained in our Augsburg Confession and in our Catechism.

2. To meet this need of the Christian life, the pastor is authorized by the Word of God to absolve the truly penitent and believing soul. All Protestantism has ignored or denied the passages of God's Word which clearly declare this truth, excepting only our own Church. Yet there are no simpler or more definite declarations concerning the forgiveness of sins anywhere in the Bible than those given in our Scripture readings for this lesson. It is the glory of our Church that she does not fear to take God at His Word, nor to declare the whole counsel of God. She will not ignore or omit or change what He says. True absolution *must* be given privately and on the basis of a private confession. No man can assure a congregation, even a small one, of God's forgiveness to each soul, without qualifications. To make such a declaration he must first be assured of the true repentance and the true faith of the one seeking absolution, and for this purpose he must have such an opportunity as only a private soul-searching can supply. It is a pity beyond expression that the ancient custom of the Church requiring every one who was about to come to the Lord's Supper to seek the pastor privately and announce his intention, thus giving opportunity for spiritual conversation, and for such pastoral care as might be needed in each case, and resulting often in a private confession and absolution, has been almost entirely abandoned in our churches. The difference between the doctrine of Confession and that of the office of the ministry in our Church and in that of Rome, render it impossible that Rome's abuses should be connected with the right use of Private Confession among us. In the meantime, let the people of their own accord make far more use of the opportunity for a pastor's guidance and comfort in their spiritual conflicts, which does exist among us.

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18th Sunday After Trinity. Oct. 14, 1906.

Christian Giving

Missionary Topic Reviewed by Rev. H. C. Hadley. (Reprint.)

Money is usually a delicate subject to consider in the Church, and we are glad St. Paul treats it so extensively. (II. Cor. 8:1-15.) If this subject was embarrassing to the apostle, we are shown the more clearly the feeling he could give to such a theme. Money has no character and so the apostle never mentions it, but he designates the object which he desires, "grace, service, a communion in service, a munificence, a blessing, a manifestation of love."

St. Paul has here stated the secret of all benevolence. "The grace of God has been poured out on the churches at Macedonia," and they have given with incredible liberality to the offering for the poor. The apostle invites the Corinthians to carefully consider,

1. *That liberality is described as "the grace of God given to the churches."* It is

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not the natural growth of the soul, but a divine gift for which we should thank God. Where there is a pure heart there will be gifts of love. The Church of Macedonia was composed of poor people, and they suffered great affliction; but their joy abounded nevertheless, and their joy and poverty poured forth a rich stream of liberality. The apostle was almost embarrassed at their gifts or offerings, for when he saw their poverty he did not expect much. He could not have urged them to give so much for others when they needed it themselves, but they did not need urging; it was they who urged him; they gave of their own accord; it was a pleasure for them to give for the assistance of others. They importuned him to bestow on them also the favor of sharing in their service to the saints. And when their request was granted, it was no paltry contributions that they made. They gave themselves to the Lord first, and then, by the will of God, they put themselves at the service of the Lord, through His agent, the apostle. They said to Paul: "We are Christ's, and yours after Him, to command in this matter." Frequently we are amazed at the liberality of those of whom we would not have ventured to ask. Out of a heart filled with the will of God they offer it. The person who abounds in spiritual interests should have the grace of giving.

2. *The Example of the Lord.*—The apostle does not command liberality, but takes occasion through the earnestness of others to prove their sincerity. If you truly love the brethren you will gladly assist them in their distress. Love should prompt the giving. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye, through His poverty, might become rich." "Let that mind be in you which was also in Him." Ordinary charity is simply the crumbs from the rich man's table; but if we have the spirit which was in Christ, who gave all for us, we will be very liberal in our offerings for the extension of His kingdom.

3. *The Laws of Christian Liberality.—a.* There must be a willing mind. What is given must be given freely; it must be a gracious offering and not as though it were a tax or a burden. "Of every man whose heart maketh him willing shall ye take the Lord's offering." What we offer to the Lord is not tribute paid to a tyrant, but the response of gratitude to our Redeemer. If there be a willing mind giving will be easy.

b. "According as a man has." If we cannot give much, a willing mind makes a little acceptable. The poor widow in the temple could only give two mites, but out of a willing mind she gave all her living. The Macedonians were in the depth of poverty, but their willingness caused them to give themselves. A desire on our part will prompt us to give according to that which we have.

c. The law of God is given in II. Cor. 9:6-7. "He which soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." This is the law, whether men accept or reject it. Charity is not simply a casting away of money; it is not fruitless, but bears fruit in the measure in which it is sown. Charity should not be compelled; each is to give what he has purposed in his heart; he is not required to give out of grief, mourning over it and regretting that he could not keep it; neither is he to give out of necessity, nor as the result of the comments of others, nor as the custom of the Church, nor as his position, but as he purposeth in his heart. God loveth a cheerful giver. Money is nothing to Him, but it is an indication of our love to God. Gifts of love come from a pure heart. God is pleased with true charity. May our hearts be so filled with the love of Christ that our Easter offerings, in commemoration of the Resurrection of our Saviour, be "Gifts of love out of a pure heart."

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19th Sunday After Trinity. Oct. 21, 1906.

What Is the Sacrament of the Altar?

I. Cor. 11:23-30.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers. How did St. Paul know about the Lord's Supper? What is the doctrine of the Sacrament of the Altar? What are the peculiar features and the special glories of the true doctrine? What is the place of the Sacrament in worship?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *We have all in the Sacrament that others have.* To us, no less than to the Reformed, the Sacrament is

the memorial of Christ's sacrifice for us on the Cross. To us also it brings the words "This do, in remembrance of me." To us, surely as much as to any, its observance holds all the solemn tenderness of the awful night in which He was betrayed, and all the sacred mystery of the scenes of Calvary. All the awakening of sympathy and love, all the stimulus to faith, all the arousing of new purposes of consecrated service, which the vision of the Crucified, the reminder of the breaking of His body and the shedding of His blood for us can bring to any one, are brought to us when we kneel at our altars to partake of the feast He instituted.

2. *We have more in the Sacrament than others have.* Not because the Lord has not provided for all alike, but because they have not believed His words, "This is my body." They deprive themselves of the surpassing glory and blessing which the Master of the Feast has offered them. To them the Supper is designed to awaken love and faith and zeal, which they offer to Christ. To us it is designed to communicate Himself that He, in us, may quicken life and all its gracious fruits. Besides the remembrance we find the presence; more than the memorial, we have the living Lord; added to the message, "given for you," we receive the body, which was given, not merely a pledge, but the impartation of the gift. To them the earthly bread; to us, through it, the bread of Heaven; to them the fruit of the vine; to us, through it, also the cleansing blood; to them, in bread and wine, the memorials of a love that rendered atonement for our sins; to us, all this, and besides, the evidence of a love that imparts to us today the strength-giving food for the renewed and continued victory over sin.

3. *The Sacrament should be to us more precious and more mighty than to others.* We should show forth the benefit and power of the feast which we alone have in its purity, in purer and fuller lives. We should not need to be urged to come to such a table as our Lord spreads for us; we should not need to be warned against neglect of a privilege like this. We should manifest, in the face of temptation of every sort, the strength of those who feed on heavenly food. Ours should be the holiest lives, the most earnest, the most fruitful. It should be not only our desire, but our most zealous aim, to vindicate the beauty of truth and the power of a pure faith, by receiving and using to the utmost all the richer gifts of grace that our gospel offers us.

Reformation Week. Oct. 28, 1900.

Luther the Professor

Review of Historical Topic by Rev. G. H. Schnur. I. Samuel 3:19-21.

The University of Wittenberg was founded in 1502 by the Elector, Frederick the Wise of Saxony. By 1507 the number of instructors was thirty-eight. Staupitz, in his position in the order of the Augustinians, took great interest in this institution. To provide for future professors, he selected, in November, 1508, seven scholarly monks and sent them to Wittenberg, where, while doing some work in the university, they were to spend a large portion of their time in study at the Augustinian Monastery. One of these seven was Martin Luther. For the first few months Luther was assigned the task of lecturing on Aristotelian philosophy. March 9, 1509, he became a Bachelor of Theology, with authority to lecture upon the text of the Holy Scriptures. His method was to read portions of Scripture and add brief comments. One of the leading professors prophesied then already that Luther was destined to change the current methods of study. It was during this part of his career that Luther was sent to Rome, which visit had so great an effect on his training for his future work. For it was now that he learned the shocking frivolity of Italian priests, and, on the famous Pilate's staircase, learned the full meaning of "the just shall live by faith."

On his return, in the summer of 1512, he was appointed sub-prior of the monastery at Wittenberg. In October he became a licentiate, on the 4th, and on the 19th a Doctor of Theology. This rapid succession of honors aroused some jealousy, but Luther's wonderful ability soon bore down all opposition. When only twenty-nine years of age Luther found himself a Professor of Theology, with the right to lecture on all branches of that science; and, in addition, with the main responsibility resting on him for all the theological instruction that was given at Wittenberg. He preferred to be called a Doctor of the Holy Scriptures. It was now five years before he nailed the theses on the church door that he asserted and introduced the formal principle of the Reformation, viz., the supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures.

The first book on which he lectured was the Book of Psalms. Frequently impressed upon the minds of his students by their daily recital, he felt that it was of the first importance

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Luther League of Illinois

Twelfth Annual Convention at Springfield, August 23-26

BY MINNIE M. STOHR.

THE twelfth annual convention of the Luther League of Illinois was held in Springfield, August 23-26 inclusive. Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. J. M. Francis, D.D., pastor, and St. John's German Lutheran Church, Rev. William Schulzke, D.D., pastor, united in the entertainment of the League.

Upon their arrival in Springfield the delegates were escorted, for registration, to St. John's German Lutheran Church, the oldest church in Springfield, as well as one about which cling historic memories and associations dear to every loyal American heart.

GRACE CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
Where Some of the Sessions of the Convention Were Held.

It was in this building, when it was a Presbyterian House of Worship, and before the Lutherans secured possession of it, that Abraham Lincoln worshipped. The Lincoln family pew is marked with a silver plate bearing the inscription: "Abraham Lincoln, 1851 to 1852." During the convention rally meetings held in this church the pew was fittingly draped with "Old Glory."

Lincoln also frequently attended the Lutheran Church during the time of his residence in Springfield. Being a close personal friend of the Rev. Dr. Springer, who conducted services in both German and English, Lincoln was often found among the worshippers of that church.

The convention topic was "Consecration and Co-operation," and its key-note throughout all the sessions was *Practical Christianity*. The first session of the convention was held on Thursday evening in Grace Church, after the

opening devotional services; addresses of welcome were given by William H. Brown, of Grace Church; Rev. William Schulzke, D.D., of St. John's Church, and by the Hon. Charles S. Denun. Governor Denun said that the greatest work the Church can do is to take care of the young people. The criminal age is between sixteen and twenty-four, and it is here where church work properly applied can be made most valuable and of lasting influence.

Mr. M. C. Olson, of Chicago, president of the State League, responded to the addresses of welcome.

The opening sermon was given by Rev. Paul Wagner Roth, of Elgin. He chose his text from Daniel 2:35.

The sermon was given under three heads: The Might of the Church, The Mission of the Church, and The Magnitude of the Church:

God omnipotent is in His Church and, therefore, it cannot fail in anything it undertakes to do in obedience to His will. There are many mistaken theories as to the mission of the Church. One of these is that the Church is a sort of hospital where we may bring all our troubles and ailments to be comforted and healed; where we may receive much but give nothing; where grace abounds and where love abounds, but where laziness abounds most of all. Another theory holds that the Church is a sort of social club, where we may go to be entertained and enjoy the privilege of pleasant surroundings and good company, and which at the end of an inquitous life will help us to escape from our just dues. It is neither a hospital nor a social club, but a training school to train men and women for active, practical work in the extension of God's Kingdom.

Its real mission is to follow in the footsteps of the Master. Individual Christianity and Social Christianity go hand in hand. We must all be born again. We are not born again until we learn to be like Christ—Christlike.

On Friday morning, at Grace Church, the business of the convention was taken up. Reports from the president, treasurer and statistical secretary were all encouraging. There are 125 local societies in the State, aggregating a membership of 6,096, an increase of 896 over last year. The State has seven districts affiliated. One district league and two local societies became affiliated at this convention. Definite steps toward organizing nineteen affiliated local societies in the central part of the State into two district leagues were taken at this convention. These societies, numbering 1,000 members, will become members as soon as organized.

Friday afternoon the first division of the convention topic was taken up by Rev. C. P. McLaughlin, under the head: "The Means of Consecration" (Lev. 27, Rom. 12:1):

We become consecrated through sacrifice; presenting our bodies a living sacrifice; through the Word and Sacrament; through public and particularly through private devotions. A consecrated person is glad to do God's work. He needs no urging for service.

A very helpful discussion led by Rev. L. M. Kuhns, showed the Word of God, obedience, faith and prayer to be indispensable factors in a consecrated life.

At the close of this session a trolley ride about the city was tendered the delegates and visitors by the entertaining societies. An opportunity was given to all on this occasion to visit Oak Ridge Cemetery, where, in a fitting mausoleum, beneath a wing of a magnificent and stately monument, rest the remains of Abraham Lincoln. Beneath another wing is a Lincoln memorial room, all attesting the love and veneration in which his worth and memory are held.

Friday evening the meeting was held at historic old St. John's. The subject of the evening address was: "The Power of Consecration." It was delivered by Rev. Edward T. Schueler, of Quincy. He chose for his text 1 Cor. 12:

One of the greatest powers of a consecrated life is prayer, intercessory prayer. Even though cut off from the world and shut out from society, the consecrated person may still wield great power for others through prayer. Through testimony of the lips and life great things can be done. A Christian is always a tower of strength and a bulwark of society.

The discussion, led by Rev. C. K. Solberg, of Chicago, emphasized God's spirit as the great power of consecration. The most urgent need of the Church today is consecrated members.

Saturday morning the business of the convention was resumed at Grace Church.

The resolutions committee brought in a long report, which was warmly discussed. Many helpful thoughts were brought out by this discussion, in which both clergy and laymen participated.

Resolutions of respect and sympathy were adopted on the passing away of the late Rev. Dr. Severinghaus, of Chicago, Ill., who was with us at our last convention held in Moline, Ill. It was adopted by a rising vote and followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Another resolution, touching the departure of Miss May C. Millander—for eight years one of the most capable and consecrated League workers in the State of Illinois—for work as a teacher in the Porto Rican mission, was also adopted by a rising vote.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. T. A. Anderson, Chicago; corresponding and recording secretary, Miss Alvina Stut, Chicago; statistical secretary, Miss Nellie Swanson, Galesburg; treasurer,

William Brown, Springfield; literature secretary, Rev. D. T. Thomas, Washington; executive committee, Rev. C. K. Solberg, Chicago; Mr. Nelson, Chicago; Miss Minnie M. Stohr, Elgin.

Saturday afternoon the second division of the convention topic "Co-operation" was taken up.

Two papers were given on "Co-operation between the Luther League and the congregation," the first by Miss May C. Millander, of St. Charles, and the second by Mr. B. O. Berge, of Ottawa. Miss Millander laid stress upon the fact that heretofore in the Luther League we have had too much *theory* and not enough practice. Has any one been made better or helped by the League's existence?

Do practical work in the Luther League. Have a flower committee; make your Luther League a training school for Sunday school teachers; care for the aged and poor in your congregation; sew for some tired, overworked mother; have work for the workers and workers for the work.

Mr. Berge in his paper urged Luther Leaguers to bring others to Christ. Would you not want all your friends to know your dearest friend? Then tell them about Christ and help them to know Him.

At the close of this session the convention adjourned to Washington Park, where the ladies of Grace and St. John's Churches had prepared a bountiful banquet for all. Rev. L. M. Kuhns presided as toast-master. The toast "Our Badge" was responded to by Rev. G. N. Roth, of Elgin; "The Lady Delegate," Mr. Johnson, of Chicago; "The Man Delegate," Miss Minnie Stohr, of Elgin; "The Springfield Convention," Mr. M. O. Munson, of Chicago; "The Illinois State Luther League," Mr. C. T. A. Anderson, of Chicago.

Much refreshed in body and mind, the delegates returned to their respective places of entertainment after the shades of night had fallen.

Rev. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, O., preached the convention sermon at Grace Church on Sunday morning. His subject was "A Valuable Vision"; his text, 1 Samuel, 3:15.

We have lessons to learn from those who come down from the mountain. Samuel went back to his lowly service after his upward vision, and for that reason performed it better than before. Paul, after his upward vision was as zealous in working for the cause of Christ as he had been zealous in persecuting it before. We must all have the upward vision before we can come down into the depths and do effective, practical work for our brother man.

On Sunday afternoon a rally meeting was held at St. John's. Rev. H. B. Kildahl, rector of the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital at Chicago, delivered an address on "The Deaconess' Work." His text was taken from the sixth chapter of Acts and Romans 27:

To prove that we, as a Church, believe all the Word of God, we must follow in the footsteps of Christ. Christ was a man of action. With Him the ministry of the Word and the ministry of mercy went

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
Where the Convention Held Sessions.

hand in hand. Not until we make this our rule and practice can we be said to be Christlike.

He gave a summary of the Deaconess work from the time of its inception in the Apostolic Church down to the present day. The ministry of the Word and the ministry of mercy are the right and left hand of the Church. True joy can only be found by winning some soul's salvation.

General secretary Rev. L. M. Kuhns followed with an address based on Math. 11:29—"Learn of Me":

Doctrine must give expression in life. The time of organization for organization's sake is past. It must be for some specific purpose. The Luther League is for the accomplishment of work. There is great need for applied Christianity. Let us all do the best we can.

The closing rally on Sunday evening was held in Grace Church.

The introductory words were spoken by Rev. L. M. Kuhns. The motto for the coming year is "Onward and Upward," based on Phil. 3:13-14. This subject was treated in four short addresses: (1) What to do; (2) What to forget; (3) What to seek; (4) What to attain.

Rev. Benander, of Aurora, bade the Luther League to look to the apostle Paul and be faithful to duty even as he had been.

Rev. Musselman, of Litchfield, took up the next division: "What to forget."

1—Forget last year's standard of interest and enthusiasm. Make this year's higher.

2—Forget old methods that have proven useless. Get something new.

3—Forget mistakes and disappointments of last year. Look into the future with a new spirit, and begin on a new and clean sheet.

4—Put away old standard of achievement. Make new ones higher.

Rev. H. B. Kildahl, under "What to seek," said: "We always have results if we seek earnestly."

The Luther League is seeking something; the advancement of the Lutheran Church in America. This it is beginning to accomplish in that the young people are beginning to know themselves and their place in Church. We should seek consecration; seek the kingdom of God; lay stress on God's promises. Onward and upward is the foundation of God's word.

"What to attain" was treated by Rev. S. P. Long. Attain a glorious resurrection. Have lofty ideals. Emerson said: "Hitch your wagon to a star." Rev. Long bade all to hitch their hope to Him who made the stars.

Gather your people around the pulpit every Sunday. Stand by your pastor. Live intensely for God and His glory.

The final word was spoken by Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

The Luther League has received its marching orders. All are soldiers of the vow; sworn to allegiance, with the Cross of Christ for their symbol. "Men of the vow, soldiers of the King of the Cross: *Follow!*"

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that they should understand what the Psalms meant. In his notes on the Psalms of this period the careful reader will see that Luther was already teaching the great doctrines of the Reformation. And even then already there were a few voices raised charging him with heresy. Next he made the Epistle to the Romans the basis of his instruction.

It was along about this time that the foundation of his distinction as a preacher was laid. As his reputation grew, hundreds of students were attracted to Wittenberg. Signs were already present of the coming conflict. And yet "all through these efforts and this period of the maturing of his convictions, Luther never dreamt of breaking with the Church or occasioning a serious conflict within it" (Jacobs). But the time of preparation draws to a close.

The sound of Luther's hammer reverberates from the castle church at Wittenberg. The printing press scatters the ninety-five theses all over the world, and Luther, the professor, involuntarily becomes the great Reformation leader. Thousands of students flock to Wittenberg. Disputations, sermons, tracts, lectures follow each other with inconceivable rapidity. And Luther becomes the teacher of the world. His methods revolutionized the educational methods of his day. His indefatigable industry, his childlike submission to divine truth, his independent thinking, his well balanced judgment, his original methods, his anxiety to better the educational methods for children as well as older students—all these proclaim him to be what he really was, Germany's greatest teacher and the world's greatest reformer.

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Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 23. XV Trinity—Judges 12:1-7.
Monday—Numbers 2:1-34.
Tuesday—II Kings 22:1-20.
Wednesday—Esther 4:1-17.
Thursday—Matthew 10:1-15.
Friday—Acts 27:21-44.
Saturday—Philippians 4:1-3.

Sept. 30. XVI Trinity—II Samuel 5:22-25.
Monday—Isaiah 61:1-11.
Tuesday—Psalm 19:1-14.
Wednesday—Jeremiah 17:9-14.
Thursday—I Corinthians 1:21-31.
Friday—James 5:16-20.
Saturday—Matthew 18:15-20.

Oct. 7. XVII Trinity—Matthew 16:13-20; John 20:21-23.
Monday—Leviticus 27:30-34.
Tuesday—Deuteronomy 8:1-20.
Wednesday—Deuteronomy 16:13-22.
Thursday—Malachi 3:7-12.
Friday—Matthew 6:19-23.
Saturday—I Timothy 6:6-21.

Oct. 14. XVIII Trinity—I Corinthians 16:1-5; Luke 6:38.
Monday—Exodus 12:1-10.
Tuesday—Exodus 12:11-20.
Wednesday—Exodus 12:21-30.
Thursday—I Corinthians 5:6-8.
Friday—Matthew 26:17-30.
Saturday—Mark 14:12-25.

Our Secretary at State Conventions

DURING the month the General Secretary has been exceedingly busy. In Philadelphia he had a conference with the general officers regarding the National Convention. At Pittsburg he met the president of the Pennsylvania State League. He looked in upon Canton and found the general committee hard at work preparing for the National Convention. The indications are there will be a large delegation from the States west of Ohio. Certainly Ohio may be depended upon to turn out in mass to the National Convention within her own borders.

The Illinois State Convention was held at Springfield. While this convention was not so large as some in the history of Illinois, it was a convention that accomplished something. It is a pleasure to note an increase of 900 in the membership of the Luther League in Illinois, the addition of one district and a gain of twenty-nine societies. The Indiana State Convention was held in Indianapolis. It was the largest convention in the history of the Indiana State Luther League. Indiana about doubles her membership during the year. There is a gain of one very strong district League; besides this, there was a gain of four local Leagues unconnected with the district. The Wisconsin State Luther League was held at LaCrosse. It was an excellent convention, and, considering the location of the convention city with reference to the Luther Leagues, the convention was remarkably well attended. This convention was notable for the small amount of business transacted, the dispatch with which it disposed of its necessary business, and for its excellent papers and the wide awake discussions. All these State conventions indicate the substantial growth of the Luther League movement. At all these conventions delegates were elected to the Canton Convention. Besides the delegates from the State and District Leagues, it is hoped many local Leagues will send delegates to the Canton Convention.

The General Secretary addressed the Fox River Valley North Convention at St. Charles, Ill. He also spoke at a fine rally meeting in Zion's Lutheran Church, in Chicago. Among the places visited mention may be made of Pontiac, Elkhart, South Bend, Cleveland, and also the fine rally largely attended at Mishawaka, Ind.

The work of the Luther League during the month has indicated deep interest on the part of pastors and young people. We look forward to the National Convention at Canton for stimulus for increased Christian activity on the part of our Leagues. It is worthy of note that the best work is done by the Leagues that place the emphasis upon the spiritual. This is as it should be. It is in keeping with the character of our Church and in line with her history. We are glad to note the signs of encouragement.

We wish to urge upon all Lutherans to visit Canton and attend the National Luther League Convention. Canton is making great preparation. We believe we can safely say no one will be disappointed who attends this convention. The report of the committee on program indicates this convention will be of wide interest to the Church. From now on keep your eyes on Canton.

LUTHER M. KUHNS.

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Statistical Blanks and Reports

The Statistical Secretary has been in private correspondence with many of the District and State Secretaries. In all sections where there are such officers the undersigned will look to them to furnish the data for his report to be presented to the National Convention of the Luther League of America, to be held at Canton, Ohio, October 30 and 31 and November 1. He will supply blank statistical cards in any quantity required to State and District Leagues free of cost. Local Leagues not connected with State or District organizations, should report direct to the undersigned.

We believe that the League movement has made substantial progress numerically as well as in other respects; the report at Canton should show this and it will if every Statistical Secretary will forward a complete and accurate report. It is not too late to gather the statistics before the convention if recent reports are not in your hands. All reports should be sent in not later than October 21.

CHARLES K. HUNTON,
Statistical Secretary, L. L. of America.
Salem, Va., September 6.

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A joint committee of the House of Commons and House of Lords has issued a report on Sunday trading. The report urges the preservation of the English Sunday. The report states the committee is "convinced of the great importance of maintaining Sunday as a day of rest, not only on religious and moral grounds, but as necessary to the preservation of the health and the strength of the community." This Parliamentary committee simply confirms the Scriptural teaching relative to the Lord's Day. In the inherent and eternal nature of things there are laws and principles people can only violate at their own expense, and sooner or later these violations are bound to be in evidence. Sunday violation of God's law is no exception. It would seem the effectual enforcement of the laws for the protection of the Sabbath would provide many now compelled to work on Sunday with protection. It will be interesting to watch the results of this report, and to note its effect on Sunday business, which shows a tendency to increase unless means are found to prevent its growth.

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We do not know whether there is such a thing as public conscience apart from the conscience of the individual who helps in totality to make the public. We very much doubt it. But in the awakening of what is called the public conscience there is hope. It is a healthful sign. The main thing is to keep its eyes open, and to prevent a return to that lethargy so dangerous to the public weal. Those with nefarious designs count on the return of a little more sleep to public conscience. Whether an aroused demand for evidences of moral conduct shall blow over, at last remains with individuals who constitute the public and their watchfulness.

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The home as the cradle of the child provides the initial point for manhood's career. The home needs preservation from insidious attacks. Fidelity must be emphasized there, whether it be the home of the rich or the poor. Around the home God threw the protection of a most practical and far reaching law of the universe. To safeguard the home every divorce must be prevented, perhaps by action of both Church and State that shall be effectual and in the interest of the innocent. The facility with which separations are secured is a travesty on the sanctity of marriage.

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The widow's mite and the American habit are not antagonistic nor mutually destructive. Attention has been called to what at present seems to be the American habit. This is for the very rich to furnish the equipment necessary to research. This, so far as we are concerned, appears to be the age of great founders, and our great libraries and big universities look to individuals rather than to the State for money for their maintenance. This spirit of

benefaction on the part of wealth does not excuse the less fortunate in this world's goods from exercising liberality. Now, as at any other time, the gifts of the many are necessary. Besides, the right to give and the privilege of the blessings it secures cannot be monopolized by the multimillionaire, nor, for that matter, is there any danger of the widow's mite losing in value.

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Have a noble, useful end in view as the object of your life, and it will be worth the living.

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Christian education rightly demands attention. The Christian college has a large duty to perform. There is no lack of education today. But Christian education is suffering from, first, the great influence of commercialism, and, second, from the merely natural idea of development. There is need for the natural and supernatural, the earthly and heavenly; and to call attention to distinctive Christian truth and Christian character in our educational work of today, as Christian education, rests back on the Christian churches. The Lutheran Church has constantly kept in view the well balanced relationship between mind and body, heart and soul. Her institutions, therefore, aim to cultivate and glorify the whole man, producing a symmetrical Christian character. We do not lose sight of the fact that religion is the starting point for education and the basis of moral character.

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Publishers' Column

The continued increase of subscriptions both to The Review and Topics has made necessary the inauguration of a few simple rules which we would ask our friends to follow hereafter in ordering subscriptions or supplies. This is made necessary to reduce the increased volume of clerical work.

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"System is one of the keys to business success."—Mrs. Julia Dewey.

In Quest of Happiness.

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After three sorrowful weeks of gloom and darkness her eyes beheld a glorious sunrise! Glorious indeed! for Christ Himself was the Sun. Her ears heard the welcome words: "Lo, I am with you alway." Happy Eunice!

As she sought her pillow that night, in the assurance of unmerited grace, her eyes closed in peace; still in her sleep she beheld the "Vision Beautiful," her Redeemer in resplendent robes of white, with outstretched arms waiting to receive her, the light of His countenance lifted upon her. All cares and troubles had passed from her, like a wornout garment, and peace—Christ's peace—enveloped her.

CONCLUSION.

The next day she arose bright and happy. Yes, happy indeed, for had she not been at the throne of grace? Had she not been in the loving presence of God? Could she be otherwise than happy?

With a tranquilizing sense that life was going to be something new she entered the breakfast room with a cheery "Good morning!" There was a new vigor in the voice, a new cheerfulness in the proud face, as the tall, graceful figure entered the room. The sunshine in her soul streamed forth, imparting peace and gladness.

Her parents, as they returned her greetings, were amazed and, silently watching her, wondered what had caused the marvelous change.

As days and weeks passed and Eunice still retained her cheerfulness, her mother asked to know the secret. With a glad smile Eunice briefly related to her mother all that had transpired, and confided to her the Eternal Source of her happiness. Her happy face and sunny smile won for her many new friends. Old ties were severed, new ones formed; for since her life had been consecrated to Jesus she could never again move in the same sphere of life as heretofore. Her numerous friends gradually dwindled away one by one.

While she was with them she had been loved and esteemed by all, for she was always jovial and merry; but now, in the eyes of her friends, she had fallen. "Grown pious," they sneered. But while she knew she had lost her high social standing she also knew that she had found a higher, firmer footing at Jesus' side. In losing so many friends who were dear to her she had gained a dearer "Friend, that sticketh closer than a brother."

The few days left before Christmas found her busy in making many little gifts to cheer and brighten the sad hearts and homes of the poor and sick, while she herself grew brighter and happier day by day. She also taught a class at Sunday School now, and the little ones loved to gather around their young teacher, to hear her read or tell them beautiful stories from the Bible. They all declared no one could tell such pretty stories as their dear "Miss Eunice."

But the story she loved most to tell them was the parable of the Good Shepherd and the lost sheep, to which all listened with marked attention. And as she related it to them she always pictured to herself the wandering sheep, which the Shepherd so lovingly returned to the fold, as relative to herself.

Marion Gray became her staunch friend, and the two girls were always happy when they were together.

They would often speak of the night—ever memorable to Eunice—and the marvellous way in which Eunice had been moved to give her heart to Christ. Eunice called it the birth of her happiness, and often she is heard to say: "I know *now* what it is to be happy."

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Book Reviews

STUDENTS AND THE MODERN MISSIONARY CRUSADE. New York: Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions.

This is the report of the fifth convention, held at Nashville, Tenn., in March, 1906. In numbers, power and significance it was a great convention, and it is the part of wisdom to preserve in permanent form the addresses of men like Dr. Karl Fries and others deeply impressed with the ripening purposes of God for the growth of his kingdom.

LUTHER'S WORKS. John Nicholas Lenker, D.D. Lutherans' United Lands Company. Minneapolis.

On our table lies the last published volume of this monumental work. The prefatory part of the volume by the editor is very interesting. It is dedicated to our Scandinavian and German Lutheran Diaspora. This is a happy thought—to give the Lutheran emigrant's child and grandchild the religious thought of his parents in the language of the country in which he lives, and so cement that strong bond of family union—a common faith. And what a preacher Luther was, direct and evangelical! The simplicity of his style and language makes the great doctrines comprehensible to the least educated. Such preaching will fill empty pews even today.

Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

Greater New York

—On Sunday, July 29, St. Andrew's English Lutheran Church, Ridgewood, Borough of Brooklyn, held its first service. Addresses were made by Rev. H. S. Knabenschuh and Rev. A. Steimle, and by Rev. Gustave C. Blessin, who is in charge of the mission.

—The Church of the Ascension, Borough Park, of which Rev. John H. Strenge is pastor, held its first service on July 8.

—Rev. F. Brezinski, assistant pastor of St. John's, Manhattan, has accepted a call to the church at Ellenville, N. Y.

—A chapel is to be erected on Blackwell's Island for the use of the unfortunates in the county institutions.

Chicago

—A lot consecration and ground breaking service was held by Unity Lutheran Church, Chicago, July 29. Rev. David A. Davy is pastor. Prof. Dr. Gerberding was one of the speakers of the day.

—The cornerstone of a new Swedish Lutheran church was laid on Sunday afternoon, July 29, in Hyde Park.

—The People's Lutheran Church, Rev. George P. Kabele, pastor, has purchased a plot of ground centrally located, but will not build until the lot is paid for. Many young people are gathering into this church, which now occupies comfortable temporary quarters.

—Rev. Charles P. MacLaughlin, of Chicago, has accepted a call to Meyersdale, Pa., to take charge there October 1. Rev. MacLaughlin has spent over seven years in the Chicago Mission field, five years and three months at Immanuel, and two years at Calvary Church.

—The cornerstone of Unity Church, Chicago, was laid Sunday afternoon, September 9. Rev. Paul B. Holtgreve, president of the Synod of Northern Illinois, and Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., of the Chicago Seminary, made the addresses. The pastor, Rev. David A. Davy, performed the ceremony of laying the stone. Very commendable progress for an organization that will not celebrate its first anniversary until November. The chapel will cost about $11,000.

Philadelphia

—The Lutheran Orphans' Home in Germantown is to receive $10,000 bequeathed by the late Horace M. Potts, of this city.

Pittsburg

—St. James' Congregation, Rev. J. H. Keller, pastor, has been incorporated. On August 13, $900 was paid on the church lot and the deed executed and delivered. The work on the church building will be begun early next month.

Atlanta

—The Church of the Redeemer, Rev. E. C. Cronk, pastor, consecrated a very attractive, comfortable and churchly new building recently. The building is Gothic, 75 by 50 feet, with basement. It stands fronting the city's only park, almost under the shadow of the State Capitol.

Omaha

—The cornerstone of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rev. L. Groh, D.D., pastor, was laid on Sunday afternoon, August 19.

Rochester

—Efforts are being made to organize a Swedish Lutheran Church in Rochester.

Providence

—Eastern Field Missionary, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, and the Rev. Froman, are in this city, for the purpose of establishing an English Lutheran Church. There are a Swedish and German Lutheran church here, and they are needed to care spiritually for the many Scandinavians and Germans located here, but there is in addition an urgent call, it is stated by those interested, for English Lutheran services.

Harrisburg

—The handsome new house of worship of St. Michael's Church, Rev. J. George Pfuhl, pastor, was consecrated on the sixth Sunday after Trinity. The building is a modified Gothic structure of pressed brick, with brownstone trimmings, and with the parsonage cost $55,000. A Moller pipe organ, costing more than $2,000, was presented by the Young People's Society.

—Augsburg, Christ's and Messiah churches are contemplating erecting new church edifices in the near future.

Duluth

—Efforts are being made to secure funds for the purchase of the land and buildings of Mendenhall College for a Lutheran college. Four persons are ready to give $10,000 each toward an endowment, if $25,000 can be secured to pay for the land and buildings. It is thought that $100,000 can be raised in Duluth for endowment. In this city of 60,000 inhabitants there are seventeen Lutheran churches, two of which are English.

Los Angeles

—A friend of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rev. George R. Bird, pastor, has agreed to pay the interest bearing debt of $1,200, provided the pastor's salary is raised to $1,000, which offer will be accepted.

Miscellaneous

—The United Synod of the South has received the highest compliments from Lutherans of all synods for the energy and capacity evidenced at its late convention at Dallas, N. C. Many

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matters of vital importance to the United Synod, not only, but to the whole Church, were handled with due respect to their magnitude and the difficulties in the way of their accomplishment, and yet in faith that well directed efforts will be crowned with success. Small space allows mention of but a few items which will serve to show the spirit that prevails among these fervent Lutherans. It was resolved to put the mission work in Japan on a firmer basis. In order to extend its educational work and adapt it to the needs of such a country as Japan, it was resolved by this body, representing about 45,000 communicants, to raise the $25,000 needed for this purpose. This synod is carrying on an extensive home mission work and is supporting three colleges, Roanoke, Newberry and Lenoir. Efforts are being made to cancel a heavy debt resting on its Orphans' Home at Salem, Va. The energy and enterprise of this Lutheran Synod of the South may well prove stimulating to other Synods, some of which have proportionately greater wealth.

—It is reported that two Synods on the Pacific Coast, one of the General Synod and the other of the General Council, have concluded to erect buildings for a theological seminary for their use in common.

—The cities of Duluth and Superior, on Lake Superior, are growing rapidly, the former now numbering about 60,000 inhabitants and the latter about half that many. Duluth has seventeen Lutheran churches and Superior fifteen, three of the whole number are English, while a number of the others also have occasional English services. There are a number of other churches, Scandinavian, that ought to be Lutheran, but they go by the name of Baptists, Methodists and Congregational.

—Nearly 100 new members, one-half of whom are men, have been received this year in the Freeport, Ill., Lutheran Church by the pastor, Rev. W. Gardner Thrall.

—St. Johannis Congregation, Reading, Pa., Rev. J. J. Kuendig, D.D., pastor, has just paid off $15,000, the balance of a debt of $25,000 incurred in extensively renovating its church ten years ago. The $15,000 were raised by the members of the Busy Bee Society, who for the past nine years collected 5 cents weekly from the members of the congregation.

—Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., reports total receipts from all sources of $256,008.46 for its building operations.

—Fifteen new members were recently received into Grace Church, Butler, Pa., by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Nicholas. The congregation has decided to wipe out its remaining indebtedness of $750.

—Dr. Julius D. Dreher, former president of Roanoke College, has been appointed by President Roosevelt as United States Consul at Tahiti, Society Islands. Dr. Dreher will go to Tahiti in October.

—The New York Ministerium has decided to open in Rochester, in connection with Wagner College, an institution for the training for the ministry of young men who have not had college advantages. Rev. Dr. Spaeth recently gave $2,500 toward it.

—An effort is to be made to clear the debt of $10,000 on the Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa.

—Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., formerly missionary at Guntur, India, but who for two years has superintended the General Council mission at Rajahmundry, India, has transferred membership from the Maryland Synod of the General Synod to the Pennsylvania Ministerium of the General Council.

—The treasurer of the Missouri Synod has received the sum of $35,000, a bequest from the late Ernest Bollman and his widow, of Laurium, Mich. Of this sum, $10,000 is for the Church Extension Fund of the Synod, and $5,000 for needy students in each of the institutions at St. Louis, Springfield, Fort Wayne, Milwaukee and Addison. In addition to the above amount, $65,000 is given for other churchly and benevolent objects.

—The new General Synod mission at Mansfield, Ohio, is now under the direction of Rev. B. B. Uhl, formerly at Salona, Pa.

—Two of the most successful Lutheran reunions of the season were those at Pen-Mar, Pa., and at Lakemont Park, Pa. The former is said to have been attended by 12,000 to 15,000 people.

—Since Easter 1905, when the Czar issued his edict of religious tolerance, not less than 3,500 persons left the Russian Church and joined the Lutheran Church.

—On account of the falling off in the number of ministerial candidates, the "Positive Union" of the Evangelical Church of Prussia has issued an appeal to the sons of the Protestant nobility to dedicate themselves to the work of the gospel ministry.

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Brooklyn District

—The young people of the Church of the Holy Spirit, College Point, recently begun under the direction of Rev. E. J. Keuling, have organized a Luther League of fifteen members and elected the following officers: President, Rev. E. J. Keuling; vice president, Miss Catharine Lutters; secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Jockers; treasurer, Miss Emma Frosch.

Syracuse District

—The August meeting of the Luther League

of St. Paul's Church was largely attended to hear the report of the thirteenth Annual Convention of the State League at Binghamton, N. Y. The report was very interesting and brought forth a general revival of interest and enthusiasm in the work of the League. The committee which is working to increase the membership has been very successful.

The "social" of the month of July was a decided success. It brought out members who had lost interest in the League and its work, and it was very encouraging to see many of them, and older members, again in attendance at a meeting and taking an interest in the League work.

Albany and Susquehanna District

—The annual convention of the Albany and Susquehanna District Luther League will be held at St. John's Church, Albany, on October 16 and 17 next. Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, and Rev. Franklin L. Gruber, of Utica, N. Y., will deliver addresses at the evening session. Earnest efforts will be made to make the convention interesting and profitable.—W. H. Sidney, Secretary.

—The Luther League of St. Luke's Church, Valatie, has elected the following: President, Mrs. Helen D. Richelin; vice president, Mrs. Eva L. Reynolds; secretary, Miss Helen K. Richelin; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Reynolds; organist, Miss Laura Altar. This society has raised for local and benevolent objects, during the first half of the year, nearly $50.

PENNSYLVANIA

The annual convention of the Luther League of the State of Pennsylvania, will be held at Kitanning, September 25 and 26. Extensive arrangements are being made by the local committees to welcome the delegates and friends, and the program which will be rendered by some of the leading workers in the League and Church is of great interest. Among the speakers for this convention will be the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D. D., president of Muhlenberg College at Allentown, and Dr. A. L. Yount, of Greensburg, both of whom are known to many young Lutherans. The first session of the convention will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the last session will be held on Wednesday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all Lutheran Young People's Societies, regardless of synodical lines. All will be welcome. A special rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip from trunk line points in Pennsylvania (east of and including Erie, Oil City and Pittsburg) on card orders, tickets to be sold and good going September 22 to 25; returning, to September 29 inclusive, has been granted by the railroad. The card order is distributed through the chairman of the Transportation Committee. They must be presented to ticket agents at starting points to secure tickets at the reduced rates and will be honored by the agents of any of the lines over which the reduction applies.

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Berks County District

—The Luther League of Berks County is planning an unusually fine program for its fall convention to be held in St. James' Church, Reading, October 11. "The Fruits of Benevolence," "Home Missions," "Foreign Missions," and "Christian Education" are to be presented in half hour addresses by those who are recognized as especially competent to present the subjects.

Somerset County District

—The fourteenth annual convention of the District Luther League of Somerset County convened in the Lutheran Church of Rockwood, Rev. C. H. Day, pastor, July 26. The delegates represented twelve organizations, numbering 709 members. Total contributions for the year were $444.41; amount of local expenses, $226.74; amount of benevolence, $224.48. Several of the societies support one or more native workers in India. The discussions covered many phases of the League work, such as Loyalty, Relation to Benevolence, Church Attendance, League Topics, Literature, etc. Rev. Charles Lambert was re-elected president and the convention was invited to Myersdale next year. Delegates to the State Convention are: Revs. W. H. B. Carney, C. H. Day, and Misses Ida Shoemaker, Jean Snyder, Bessie Shaver.

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Catawissa District

—The Catawissa District League met in convention at Mifflinville, Rev. C. F. Dry, pastor, September 6 and 7. A full report is expected in the October issue.

Schuylkill County District

—The convention of the Schuylkill County District League was held on Labor Day, September 3, in St. John's Church, Tremont. THE REVIEW expects to publish a complete report in the next issue.

Greensburg District

—The Luther League of Zion's Lutheran Church, of Greensburg, Rev. William J. Miller, pastor, numbers fifty members. The officers are: President, Mr. Loutellis Bowman; secretary and treasurer, James Gregg; pianist, Miss Mary Bott.

—The Luther League of the Harrison City Church, Rev. J. Shunk, pastor, held a grand rally on August 12. Providence smiled upon them and gave them a beautiful evening, so that a large audience was present. A very interesting and instructive program, consisting of music rendered by the choir and also by members of the League was enjoyed. The Senior and Junior topics for the evening were read. There were also readings and addresses; also greetings sent by Anna M. Landis, Secretary Pennsylvania State League.

Northwestern District

—The fourteenth annual convention of the District Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania was held in the First Lutheran Church, Warren, Rev. W. E. Brinkman, pastor, August 21 to 23. The opening service was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. E. Johnson, president of the Warren League, and Rev. Brinkman welcomed the visiting Leaguers in a most cordial manner, and Mr. J. L. Frederick, president of the District League, responded. Delegation greetings were received from ten Leagues. At the close of this service a delightful reception was tendered the delegates and visitors in the church parlors by the members of Warren League.

The convention was formally organized on Wednesday morning, and forty-two regular delegates were enrolled and two new Leagues admitted to membership. The statistical report showed a membership of twelve Leagues, with a total of 1,012 members, besides four Junior Leagues, with a membership of 204. Offerings for local objects during the year were $957.41 and for benevolence $430.15. Reports from the various local League representatives showed that twelve native students are being supported in India by Leagues in the Northwestern District. The value of the work of the General

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Secretary was emphasized, and the local Leagues urged to contribute their share toward the support of this work.

The general topic for discussion was "The Lutheran Church in America." Miss Emma J. McDaniel, of Corry, presented a paper on "Its Past" and Miss Zoe Hirt, of Erie, opened the discussion on "Its Future." These topics were thoroughly discussed. At the Wednesday afternoon session Miss Anna E. Anderson, of Titusville, presented a paper on "The Luther League a Means, Not an End," and Mrs. H. C. Rorig, of Zion's League, Erie, presented "The Value of the Luther League Topics." The discussions on these subjects were very interesting and profitable. At the Wednesday evening meeting William N. McNair, Esq., of Pittsburg, delivered a clear and forceful address on "The Luther League and Present-Day Conditions."

"Missionary Activities" was the general topic for discussion at the Thursday morning session. "The Deaconess and Her Work" was presented by Miss Anna Witte, of St. John's League, Erie, and Mr. Knox Yeany, of Greenville, and Mrs. B. G. Gregory, of Warren, presented papers on "Interesting Data in the Last Foreign Mission Report."

At the business session held on Thursday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. L. Frederick, Greenville; vice president, F. J. Frantz, M. D., Warren; secretary, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, 1016 Wayne street, Erie; treasurer, Miss Clara Eckardt, 720 Market street, Warren. Delegates to State and National Conventions were also elected.

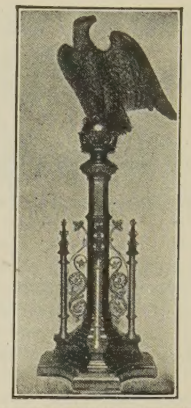
At the close of this session the delegates and visitors visited the splendidly equipped Warren High School, and then they were taken for a trolley ride out to North Warren, visiting there the Hospital for the Insane, whose 1,300 inmates appeal to the sympathies.

At the closing meeting, held on Thursday evening, Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., of Mount Airy, Philadelphia, addressed the convention on "Foreign Missions." A large number of the members of the Women's Missionary Society, of the Warren congregation, accepted the special invitation given them to attend this meeting of the convention.

All who were present agree that the fourteenth annual convention of the Northwestern District League was a most successful and profitable one. The fifteenth convention will be held in Renovo the last week of June, 1907.

CONNECTICUT

—The first outing of the State Luther League of Connecticut was held at Hanover Park, Meriden. The Leagues of New Haven, Hartford, Rockville, and the Senior and Junior Leagues of New Britain, were represented. The morning was spent in athletic games. In the afternoon the Committee on Extension met and plans were laid for broadening the field and taking in more Leagues. The Executive Committee met later in the afternoon and it was decided to hold the annual Luther Day celebration at Rockville, November 7. Invitations will be sent out to all the Lutheran churches in the State to send representatives. Services will be held in the afternoon and evening and prominent Lutheran speakers will address the meetings. The next convention will probably be held in New Haven, May next. It is proposed to hold an outing each year.



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Burlington District

—The Burlington District Luther League, Augustana Synod, convened this year in Burlington, on August 12 to 14.

Stanton District

—The Stanton District Luther League, Augustana Synod, held its fifth annual convention at Council Bluffs, August 18 to 20.

Sioux City District

—The Luther League of the Sioux City District held its third annual meeting in Kiron, on August 24 to 26.

WASHINGTON-OREGON.

Columbia District

—The Columbia District Luther League, comprising the Leagues located on the Columbia River, will hold its annual convention at Astoria in October. Unusual preparations are being made for a most helpful convention. The sessions will be held in the First Swedish Church, Rev. Mr. Rydquist, pastor.

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, Wash., held an enthusiastic meeting Sunday evening, August 5, at which Rev. Merril E. Boulten, of The Dalles, Ore., addressed the League on the theme, "Confirmation and Our Mission as Leaguers."

—The Leaguers of the Zion Church, The Dalles, decided unanimously at a recent business meeting to continue their regular devotional meetings during the months of July and

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August, and not take any vacation, as is customary with many young people's organizations during the heated season.

—Rev. W. F. Reohmer, of Nehalem, has a promising Luther League, which will unite with Columbia District League at the convention at Astoria.

—The Leaguers of this District are looking anxiously for the arrival of Dr. Kunzman, who is expected upon this coast soon. It is hoped that his visit will bring many practical and helpful suggestions for the furtherance of the work here.

OHIO

Zanesville District

—The seventh annual convention of the Zanesville District Luther League was held at Roseville, Ohio, on August 30. This convention was largely attended and much interest in Luther League work was manifested by the delegates and visitors. Papers were read and discussed on the following subjects: 1. "The Unifying Influence of the League"; 2. "The Luther League as a Means of"—(a) "Social Development," (b) "Mental Development," (c) "Spiritual Development"; 3. "Historical Review of the League"; 4. "The Best Method of Conducting League Meetings." One of the pleasing features of the convention was the eloquent and stirring address delivered at the evening session by Rev. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, Ohio, on the subject, "A Valuable Vision." The officers elected are as follows: President, Charles F. Ribble, Zanesville; recording secretary, Miss Alice Beckman, Newark; corresponding secretary, Miss Florence Sagle, Roseville; treasurer, Charles W. Bluthart, Zanesville. The following were elected delegates to the National Convention at Canton, Ohio: Charles W. Bluthart, Zanesville; Miss Edna Ransbottom, Roseville; Edward Showers, Stovertown.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

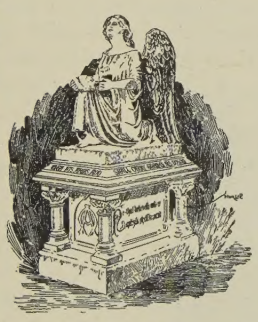
—An active Luther League is one of the auxiliary societies of the Lutheran church at Hecla, Rev. Ola Glesne, pastor. The officers are: President, Olaf Bengtson; secretary, Morris Thaxton; treasurer, Miss Anna Bengtson.

MISCELLANY.

—A Luther League has been organized at Cheyenne. The organization consists of twenty-five members, and the outlook for a steady increase is very promising. The officers are: J. V. N. Sundberg, president; Melville R. Davis, vice president; Miss Selma Erickson, secretary; Miss Alice Graham, treasurer.

—The 81 "Mother Houses" in Germany have 16,150 deaconesses at work at 5,822 stations; 6,427 are in the hospital service, 4,183 are parish sisters, 1,083 have charge of infant schools, etc. The Lutheran Knights of St. John, all noblemen, have at work in their hospitals at home and abroad 1,036 "serving sisters," who were all trained in Deaconess' Mother Houses.

—According to a letter from Rev. Lauritz Larsen, the emissary of the Inner Mission Society of Christiania, Norway, Lutherans in this country contributed $5,327.66 toward the saving of Calmeyer Street Mission House.



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September—a word that seems full of music and suggestion! Perhaps our Juniors would enjoy knowing something about our year as we now have it. We get our calendar from the ancient Romans, whose "year lasted only 38 weeks, but had 304 days—for each week had 8 days. The first month was March, dedicated to Mars, the Roman war god. There were only ten months in the year, of which the seventh was September (septem meaning seven, as octo means eight, novem nine and decem ten). When Numa became King of Rome, after Romulus, the founder of the city, the year was given twelve months and 355 days, and the last two months were named January (for Janus, an imaginary king, who was represented with two faces on opposite sides of his head, because he was acquainted with the past and the future), and February (from Februus, the idol that was thought to direct the purifying of the people and the city). After the days had been distributed among the months, by 31's and 29's respectively, it was found that there were left for poor February but 28 days, at the end of the list!

In the days of Julius and Augustus Cæsar the calendar had gotten into such confusion that something had to be done. The year was now begun anew, with the sun's course of 365¼ days, and ten more days were divided among the months. Poor February, however, did not gain a new day; but it was noticed that there was about a quarter of a day's time until the sun was back to its starting point in the heavens. In order to make up this time a day was given to February every *four* years (and called bissextile, or the second sixth), because the sixth day before the close of the first week in March was to be counted a second time, sex being the Latin word for six.

In honor of the great names of Julius and Augustus Cæsar, the fifth month (once called "Quinctilis") and the sixth month (or "Sextilis") were first styled the months of Julius (July) and Augustus (August) about the time of the birth of Jesus our Saviour.

In honor of Jesus every year is now called "Anno Domini," a year of our Lord. From this we get the letters "A. D."

In 1582 Gregory XIII, a Pope, corrected the calendar by calling the 5th of October the 15th that year, as there is not quite a full quarter of a day in the true year for February each time, and the calendar had thus gained upon the sun about ten days. Thus ten days were omitted for one year.

Have you ever studied the possibilities of a Junior League? We often walk past our best opportunities, like the traveler who in Golconda, in India, did not know that he had been passing through a land of diamonds till he later found one sticking to the sole of his shoe. Think of the pleasures of seeking and finding the young, of welcoming them, of enlisting them, of assigning work to them to be done for the others and reported upon next time, of action rather than idleness, of fidelity in duty, of arranging for festal hours, those days of great import and rare enjoyment for the young. Think of the value in after years of the choice selections memorized, the friendships made, the habit of attention to holy things, the recollection of the pleasant hours, the many facts gained and hard things made clear, all of which are a part of the life of the Junior League of today!

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